Rev. W. W. Bidwell

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My Dear Brother.

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Bro. C. was duly receiv containing the letter of your London friend. It found me in the midst of anniversary week, & full of cares. No reason why you have not heard me at Boston long ago is Br. Bradford has been entirely laid aside from his duties since March. with Scrofulous affection. He is at my house confined to his room mostly to his bed & I am much in doubt whether he is ever able to resume his labors & duties in this world. This will account to you for my seeming neglect & silence. I have the whole weight of business & Editorial departments on me. I have concluded to take the letter of your London friend on the term you propose. I wish it had as perhaps it will have a more religious bearing. I am well provided with prospective foreign correspondence as Br. Cheever is about to sail for France & another friend for Germany. If your Son or Mr. Jones was your correspondent perhaps it it will be better. I wish I could come & see you but for a little time I cannot well leave home. I will write you again soon. In hope yrs.

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